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Details are appended:—  
The SCURRY STAKES—Sweepstakes, of \$5 each, with \$100 added, second Pony to receive \$50 for the *bona fide* Griffin at the date of entry; Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1888-9, non-winners allowed 5lbs; weight for inches. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's br. Skipjack, 12st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 1  
Mr. John Peel's g. Fleet Foot, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 2  
Mr. Sid's g. Chaser, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Sassoon 3  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' br. Vanquisher, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 4  
Mr. Triad's g. Harbinger, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 5  
Mr. Sampson 6

Netting—2 to 1 on Skipjack. Chaser jumped off with the lead, but was caught by the favorite and Fleet Foot at the half-mile post, and from this point Skipjack came clear away by himself and won in a common canter; Chaser was a good third. Times—2st. 59, 1. 33, and 2. 08.

The EXCHANGE PLATE, presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong, for China Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$10; Second Pony to receive half of the Entrance Money. Two miles.

Mr. John Peel's g. Leap Year, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 1  
Mr. John Peel's b. Challenger, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 2  
Mr. Tell's g. Mont Brévent, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 3  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's g. Claverhouse, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 4  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' w. Victor, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 5  
Mr. Buxey's cr. Joker, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Pond 6  
Mr. Es's ch. Cherry Blossom, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 7  
Mr. Triad's ch. Forerunner, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 8

Mr. John Peel's pair were backed against the field. Forerunner drew away immediately the flag fell and made play from Mont Brévent and Leap Year, who were just in front of Challenger and Joker, the rear being brought up by Claverhouse, who was pulled up lame after going once round. No material changes occurred until six furlongs from home, where Forerunner was beaten and Leap Year and Mont Brévent raced up the hill locked together. At the Rock Mr. Hough brought up Challenger with a rush, and a splendid struggle took place until entering the straight, where Leap Year swerved across the course, knocking Mont Brévent out of his stride, and the old pony straight and in a fine finish between the stable companions, who finished on opposite sides of the course, the decision was short and in favor of Leap Year, although the general opinion was that the griffin had proved successful. Mont Brévent was a good third, and Victor, close up, fourth. Times, 33, 68, 1.42, 2.15, 2.46, 3.29, 3.54 and 4.27. The official time was given as 4.24.

The GERMAN CUP, presented by Members of the German Club, for Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1888-9, only; weight for inches; entrance \$10; Second Pony to receive 75 per cent.; Third Pony 25 per cent. of Entrance Money. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' br. Violent, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 1  
Mr. Jay's cr. Soll, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 2  
Mr. Darius' g. Alacrity, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 3  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's ch. Glencairn, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 4  
Mr. Buxey's g. Pathan, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 5  
Mr. Hutchings 6  
Mr. Buxey's g. Pathan, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Burgoyne 7  
Mr. Benedick's g. Aneroid, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 8  
Mr. Sid's g. Ormonde, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Machado 9  
Mr. Maclean's g. Quadruped, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 10  
Mr. H. H. Lightwood's d. Lord Chancellor, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Collingwood 11

Public opinion was pretty evenly divided between Wisacre, Aneroid, and Violent, the last named having probably the largest following. To a good start Soll made hot running from Wisacre and Pathan, Violent, Methven, and Aneroid following close together, just in front of Glencairn and Quadruped, the rear being brought up by Ormonde. Soll increased his lead turning out of the straight, holding an advantage of about three lengths at Bowring Bridge, his nearest attendants being Violent and Methven. Going up the hill the lot took closer order, but Mr. Jay's cream still showed the way and entered the straight about a couple of lengths in front of Violent and Glencairn, who were hotly pursued by Alacrity, Quadruped and Wisacre. Inside the distance Violent got on terms with the leader and after a race home gained the award by a neck. Alacrity, who came with a tremendous rattle at last, losing second money by a length. Methven was a good fourth, Glencairn fifth, Wisacre sixth, and then came Quadruped and Aneroid, the last named having been seriously interfered with at the entrance to the straight. Time 2 min. 47 sec.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP, presented for all China Ponies; weight for inches; winners of one Race at this Meeting, 7lb. extra; of two Races, 10lb. extra; and of three Races, 13lb. extra; previous non-starters to carry 12st.; entrance \$10; Second Pony to receive 50 per cent. of Entrance Money; Third Pony 25 per cent. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. John Peel's g. Bandsman, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Reynell 1  
Messrs. Morgan & White's d. Silken Mead, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Von Tanner 2  
Mr. Buxey's br. Busybody, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Pond 3  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's g. Lochinvar, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 4  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Victory, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 5  
Mr. John Peel's g. Vendetta, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 6  
Mr. Triad's ch. Precursor, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 7  
Mr. Sampson 8  
Mr. Craw's g. Daphne, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 9  
Mr. Tell's b. Mithlberg, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 10  
Mr. Es's g. Bicycle, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 11  
Bicycle, who was strongly fancied, was sent to the front as soon as the flag fell, and was followed by Victory and Precursor, with others in a cluster excepting Bandsman, with whom Mr. Reynell made a waiting race. Going up the hill Silken Mead dashed to the

front and quickly having Bicycle and Precursor in difficulties, raced down to the village looking all over a winner, his nearest attendants being Busybody and Victory. Once fairly in the air Bandsman rapidly emerged from the rear and overhauled the leaders at every stride, caught Silken Mead twenty yards from home and won cleverly by a neck, Busybody finishing a length behind the second. Time 2 min. 41 sec.

The PARSE CUP, presented by the Parsee Community for China Ponies, being *bona fide* Griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; winners of one Race at this Meeting, 7lb. extra; of two Races, 12lb. extra; Subscription Griffins of this Season, non-winners, allowed 5lb.; entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Buxey's g. Bombshell, 11st. 5lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Pond 1  
Mr. John Peel's g. Fleet Foot, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 2  
Mr. Sid's g. Chaser, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Sassoon 3  
Mr. Tell's g. Jura, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 4  
Mr. Sid's d. Benhur, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Machado 5  
Mr. Triad's g. Harbinger, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 6  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Vengeance, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 7  
Mr. Hart Buck 8  
Mr. John Peel's br. Hotspur, 11st. 12lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Reynell 9  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' br. Vanquisher, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 10

Betting—Hotspur and Fleet Foot against the field, a wretched start, Vengeance being the principal sufferer, Chaser made running from Vanquisher and Hotspur, but before going a quarter of a mile Fleet Foot and Bombshell had run through their ponies, and at the top of the hill were racing away by themselves, Mr. John Peel's grey entering the straight a length in the lead, nothing else having a chance. Fleet Foot maintained premier place until within a few strides from the chair, where Bombshell got his head in front, and keeping it there to the end, won by a neck, with Chaser a fair third. Time 1 min. 51 sec.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP, presented, for China Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$15; Second Pony to receive 50 per cent.; Third Pony 25 per cent. of Entrance Money. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. Buxey's g. Pao-shing, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 1  
Mr. John Peel's ch. Orlando, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Reynell 2  
Mr. Buxey's g. Arabic, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 3  
Messrs. Morgan & White's g. White Pasha, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 4  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Vigour, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 5  
Mr. Tell's b. Mithlberg, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 6  
Mr. Alex. Price's br. Exeter, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Green 7  
Orlando was favorite at 5 to 2 on. The start was delayed by the fractiousness of Exeter, whose rider, owing to the breaking of a stirrup leather, lost his seat, and the pony bolting, did not take part in the race. As soon as the flag fell Arabic, on a running making mission for the Derby winner, went off at score and quickly held a commanding lead from Orlando, Mithlberg and Pao-shing, White Pasha trailing off from the start. No important change took place until ascending to the Rock the second time, when Orlando and Pao-shing overhauled Arabic and raced away together, lengths in front of the field. At the top of the straight Pao-shing held a slight advantage, which he gradually increased to the finish, winning cleverly at last by about two lengths; three lengths between second and third, Arabic occupying the last named position. Time one mile 2 min. 7 sec., one mile and a half 3 min. 11 sec.—the fastest ever recorded in China.

The JOCKEY CUP, for Subscription Ponies of this and last Season, winners excluded; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches; entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Vis Inertia, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Nicholl 1  
Mr. Slingsby Bethell's br. Frigate, 11st. 12lb. Capt. des Vaux 2  
Mr. John Peel's g. Grey Goose, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Bethell 3  
Mr. H. H. Lightwood's d. Lord Chancellor, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Osborne 4  
Mr. W. Cruickshank's g. McDuff, 10st. 6lb. Capt. Sankey 5  
Mr. Boning's g. Springfields, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 6  
Mr. Pogose's g. So-Diska, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Jordan 7  
Mr. Pogose's g. Sáy-a-nara, 10st. 11lb. Mr. Burgoyne 8  
Mr. Philip's ch. Talisman, 11st. 12lb. Lieut. Woodcock 9  
Mr. Twain's g. Réve d'Or, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Collingwood 10  
Mr. Benedick's g. Post Boy, 10st. 12lb. Capt. Hearne 11  
Vis Inertia and Frigate raced from start to finish, the former eventually winning a capital race by a neck; a bad third. Time 2 min. 16 sec.

The FLYAWAY STAKES, for all China Ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this Meeting, 7lb. extra; Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1888-9 allowed 5lb.; entrance \$5, with \$100 added; and pony to receive \$50. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

Mr. Buxey's br. Skipjack, 11st. 5lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Machado 1  
Messrs. Morgan & White's d. Silken Mead, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Von Tanner 2  
Mr. Tell's ch. Maloja, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 3  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' gr. Defiance, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Hart Buck 4  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' br. Viking, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 5  
Mr. John Peel's g. Honesty, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 6  
Mr. John Peel's ch. Paolet, 11st. 2lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Hough 7  
Mr. Triad's ch. Forerunner, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Ruttonjee 8  
Mr. Tell's g. St. Gothard, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 9  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's ch. Rosy Morn, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 10  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's g. Lochinvar, 10st. 12lb. Capt. Hearne 11  
Mr. Emmanden's g. Gone Away, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 12

After a lot of trouble the dozen sprinters were despatched on anything but even terms, Maloja streaming away in front of St. Gothard and Honesty, while several ponies were practically left behind. Maloja led until passing the village, where Skipjack, Silken Mead and Rosy Morn emerged from the pack and challenged for the lead. Half-way down the straight Skipjack drew to the front and going on won easily by two lengths from Silken Mead, the latter beating Maloja about a neck for second place. Time 1 min. 32 sec.

The WELTER PLATE, for all Ponies; weight 12st.; previous winners at this Meeting, 7lb. extra; entrance \$5, with \$100 added. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's g. Bandsman, 7lb. ex. Mr. Reynell 1  
The Old Boys' d. Dunkeld, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 2  
Mr. Pogose's g. Senegal, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 3  
Mr. Benedick's g. Melapi, 11st. 12lb. Capt. des Vaux 4  
Mr. Buxey's cr. Joker, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 5  
Mr. Tell's ch. Maloja, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 6  
Bandsman was generally fancied in spite of his 7lb. penalty. Maloja was the first to show to advance, and made running at a fast pace from Senegal, the latter being his own length in front of Melapi and Joker, Bandsman gradually

falling into the rear. A quarter of a mile from the start the ancient grey was at least twenty lengths behind his field, apparently unable to love the pace, which continued very fast until passing the Black Rock, the leading division being in a cluster. Nearing the village the severity of the pace commenced to tell on the leaders and they gradually came back to the heavy weight, on whom Mr. Reynell rode an exceedingly patient race. Entering the straight Dunkeld drew to the front, with Senegal next and Bandsman rapidly coming up on the extreme outside. At the distance the last named passed Senegal and, finishing very strongly, caught Dunkeld a few strides from home and won by a length amidst much enthusiasm. Time 2 min. 10 sec.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

"The Ladies Day," as usual, attracted the largest attendance of the Meeting, the Grand Stand utterly failing to comfortably accommodate the numerous fair visitors. Charming weather and splendid racing left nothing to be desired, excepting by those whose speculations were not favored by good luck. The following selections, admirably rendered by the Band and Pipers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were greatly appreciated, and contributed in no slight degree to the general enjoyment.

BAND.  
Lancers—"The Old Guard".....Crown  
Volunteers—"The Star of the South".....Drum  
Polka—"The Musical".....Oboe  
Selection—"Peggy".....Clarinet  
Dance—"The Star of the South".....Drum  
Gaiety—"Womankind".....Flute  
God Save the Queen.

Pipers.  
March—"The Glasgow Gaelic Club".....Pipes  
Strathspey—"The Black of the Change House".....Pipes  
Reel—"The Star of the South".....Pipes  
March—"The Star of the South".....Pipes  
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Racing commenced with the Brokers' Cup in which Mr. Pond on Alacrity upset a hot favorite in Violent by a closely identified with this fine horseman's race as a first class gentleman-racer. Orlando was generally fancied for the Challenge Cup, and he improved on his last year's position in this event by winning a fine race from Vigour and Daphne in 3 min. 50 sec.—a capital performance. The Ladies Purse proved the gift it looked on paper for Hotspur, who was let in at least 7lb below what he ought to have carried on his previous form at the Meeting. After weighing in, Mr. Reynell, who steered the winner, was presented with the trophy by Miss Ryrie, who gracefully complimented him on his success.

The Navy Cup proved another knock-down blow to followers of public form. Senegal leading all the way and beating Silken Mead by a short head, Bandsman, who was a warm favorite, tiring under his penalty after looking all over a winner. Leap Year had no trouble in repeating his last year's victory in the Keetchong Cup and then Arabic landed the Garrison Cup for Mr. Buxey after a show of a race with the rapidly improving White Pasha. The Consolation Stakes were won by Victory, who probably owed his success to a difference of opinion half way down the straight between the riders of Dunkeld and Maloja, which led to a complaint of foul riding against Mr. Rugg, whose inexcusable conduct in using his whip deserved the severe censure. Pao-shing was heavily backed for the Champions at 5 to 2 on, and on yesterday's running the race looked a gift; the glorious uncertainty of the turf, however, again came to the front, and Mr. John Peel's wonderful luck being in the ascendant, Orlando scored the fifth consecutive victory in this race for the Ewo "blue and silver," after a grand struggle. Another big field turned out for the Nil Desperandum, for which Glencairn and Soll were most fancied, and as the former got away with a flying start, he had no trouble in winning easily.

The officials worked hard throughout, and it is with much regret that we have to cavil at any detail, but it cannot be denied that the starting was far from satisfactory. Of course some allowance must be made for the fields being larger than in past years, but still Mr. Ker was in anything but his best form. The weighing arrangements were also most troublesome and unreliable, and ought to be modernised before next meeting.

Details of the day's racing are as under:—  
The BROKERS' CUP, presented, a forced Entry of \$5 and \$8 for entered Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1888-9; 70 per cent. of the Entrance money to go to the second, and 30 per cent. to the third Pony; weight for inches; previous winners, 7lb. extra; penalties accumulative. One mile.

Mr. Darius' g. Alacrity, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 1  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' br. Violent, 11st. 2lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Ker 2  
Mr. Maclean's g. Quadruped, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Nicholl 3  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's g. Methven, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 4  
Mr. John Peel's g. Grey Goose, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 5  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Vis Inertia, 10st. 9lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Hart Buck 6  
Mr. Slingsby Bethell's br. Frigate, 11st. 12lb. Capt. des Vaux 7

Mr. Benedick's g. Aneroid, 11st. 6lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Von Tanner 8  
Mr. Pogose's g. Sáy-a-nara, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 9  
Mr. Jay's cr. Soll, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 10  
Mr. Jay's g. Haben, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 11  
Mr. Tasman's g. Zara, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Sampson 12  
Mr. Benedick's g. Wisacre, 11st. 8lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Hutchings 13  
Mr. Lightwood's d. Lord Chancellor, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Collingwood 14  
Violent was backed at even against the field, Soll being second favorite. Soll, Vis Inertia and Frigate made running for half the distance when the flag fell, and came down by the village in a compact body. Soll was beaten at the top of the straight, where the favorite came out full of running, and maintained a slight lead until fifty yards from home, at which point he was simultaneously challenged by Alacrity and Quadruped, and in a close finish Mr. Darius's pony won by half a length, with the same distance dividing the second and third. Methven was fourth, Soll fifth, and Wisacre sixth. Time 2 min. 22 sec.

On returning to scale Mr. Hutchings, the rider of Wisacre, lodged a complaint against Mr. Rugg, who rode Haben, for foul riding. After investigation the Stewards decided that there was not sufficient evidence to sustain the charge.  
The CHALLENGE CUP, value 100 guineas, for China Ponies; to be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies for *bona fide* Property of the same Owner; weight for inches; entrance (forced \$5, but optional to Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1888-9; First Pony to receive 70 per cent.; Second, 30 per cent.; and Third, 10 per cent. of Entrance money. One-mile-and-three-quarters.

Mr. John Peel's ch. Orlando, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Reynell 1  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Vigour, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 2  
Mr. Craw's g. Daphne, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 3  
Mr. Ten Broeck's g. Gridiron, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Maclean 4  
Mr. Duxey's br. Busybody, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Pond 5  
Mr. Buxey's g. Arabic, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 6  
Mr. John Peel's ch. Paolet, 11st. 2lb. Mr. Hough 7  
Orlando was made favorite; most danger being apprehended from Gridiron. Arabic cut the work at a fast pace for a mile and a quarter, his nearest attendants being Vigour and Daphne, the favorite lying in a good position next the rails, with Gridiron on the extreme outside. Arabic was well beaten at the Black Rock, Paolet and Busybody having previously dropped out of the fray, and coming down the hill close together. Gridiron lost place entering the straight, where Daphne drew clear away from the other two and looked like winning easily. At the mile post the Hankow pony was in difficulties and Orlando, finishing with great gameness, got in front fifty yards from the chair, and stalling off a resolute challenge from Vigour won a grand race by half a length, a similar distance separating the latter from Daphne. Gridiron came with a wet sail at the finish and only lost third place by a neck. Time 3 min. 50 sec.

The LADIES' PURSE, for all China Ponies, to be handicapped by the Stewards, entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.  
Mr. John Peel's br. Hotspur, 11st. Mr. Reynell 1  
Mr. Sid's g. Ganges, 10st. 7lb. Mr. Machado 2  
Mr. John Peel's g. Fleet Foot, 11st. Mr. Hough 3  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' b. Vespasian, 10st. 7lb. Mr. Ker 4  
Mr. Benedick's g. Melapi, 10st. 5lb. Mr. Ker 5  
The Old Boys' d. Dunkeld, 11st. 10lb. Mr. Gréaves 6  
Mr. Tell's g. St. Gothard, 11st. Mr. Sassoon 7  
Mr. Tell's g. Mont Blanc, 11st. Mr. Rugg 8  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's g. Lochinvar, 10st. Mr. Maclean 9  
Mr. Emmanden's g. Gone Away, 10st. 7lb. Mr. Nicholls 10  
Mr. Es's g. Bicycle, 11st. Mr. Sassoon 11

Betting—Hotspur and Fleet Foot against the field. After a very long delay at the start Ganges got away flying and soon held a commanding lead, which he maintained until a few strides from home where the leniently treated Hotspur got on terms and secured the verdict by half a length, with Fleet Foot an excellent third, and nothing else within hail. Time 1 min. 51 sec.

The NAVY CUP, presented by Officers of H. M. Fleet, for all China Ponies, weight for inches; previous winners at this Meeting of one Race, 5lbs. extra; of two Races, 7lbs. extra; and of three or more Races, 10lbs. extra; Non-starters at this Meeting excluded, entrance \$10, second Pony to receive half of the entrance money. One mile.  
Mr. Pogose's g. Senegal, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 1  
Messrs. Morgan & White's d. Silken Mead, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Von Tanner 2  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Victory, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 3  
Mr. Buxey's g. Bombshell, 11st. 5lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Pond 4  
Mr. John Peel's g. Vendetta, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 5  
Mr. John Peel's g. Bandsman, 11st. 12lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Reynell 6

Bandsman and Silken Mead were most fancied. Senegal got best away, followed by Victory, Silken Mead, and Vendetta, the two heavy weights lying off. No change occurred in these positions until passing the village, where Silken Mead and Victory changed places, and Bandsman and Bombshell pulled themselves closer to the leader. Bombshell was the first to give way and Bandsman quickly followed, leaving Senegal to scramble home a head in front of Silken Mead, with Victory a good third. Time 2 min. 5 seconds.

The KEETCHONG CUP, presented, for China Ponies, second Pony to receive \$50, weight for inches, entrance \$10, from Black Rock twice round and in.  
Mr. John Peel's g. Leap Year, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 1  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' w. Victor, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 2  
Mr. Buxey's cr. Joker, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Machado 3  
Mr. John Peel's g. Honesty, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 4  
Mr. Craw's g. Daphne, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 5  
Mr. Tell's sp. Scatella, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 6  
Mr. Tell's b. Mithlberg, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 7

Leap Year was freely backed against the field. Honesty led the way from Daphne and Victor for a mile and a quarter when the favorite went to the front, and making the rest of the running won easily by three lengths from Victor, who was a similar distance in front of Joker. Time 4 min. 58 sec.

The GARRISON CUP, presented by the Officers of the Garrison, for *bona fide* Griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; entrance \$10; Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1888-9, allowed 5lbs. From two mile-post once round and in.  
Mr. Buxey's g. Arabic, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 1  
Messrs. Morgan & White's g. White Pasha, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 2  
Mr. John Peel's g. Fleet Foot, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 3  
Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's g. Methven, 10st. 7lb. (all 5lb.) Mr. Maclean 4  
Mr. Triad's g. Harbinger, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 5  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' br. Vanquisher, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 6

Arabic was made a hot favorite at even against the field. Fleet Foot and Arabic made joint running, the others keeping well together for the first half of the journey, excepting Methven, who could not go the pace. Arabic favored drew slightly ahead of Fleet Foot at the top of the hill, White Pasha also giving Mr. John Peel's grey the go-by at the village. All the way down the straight Arabic held the issue safe, eventually winning easily from White Pasha, with Fleet Foot a poor third. Methven came with a rattle in the straight and finished close up. Time 2 min. 21 sec.

The CONSOLATION STAKES, for all beaten Ponies at this meeting; weight for inches; entrance \$5, with \$100 added; second Pony to receive \$50. Once round.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Victory, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 1  
The Old Boys' d. Dunkeld, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Gréaves 2  
Mr. John Peel's g. Vendetta, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 3  
Messrs. Morgan & White's g. White Pasha, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 4  
Mr. Sid's g. Ganges, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 5  
Mr. Sid's g. Chaser, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Sassoon 6  
Mr. Tell's g. Maloja, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 7  
Mr. Alex. Price's br. Exeter, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Reynell 8  
Mr. Emmanden's g. Gone Away, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Nicholl 9

After a series of false starts Chaser and Ganges jumped away in front of Maloja, with White Pasha and Vendetta next, and Dunkeld bringing up the rear. Before the half-mile post was reached Mr. Sid's pair were being hard ridden and a little farther on Maloja assumed the command, his nearest attendants being Vendetta and Victory, with Dunkeld rapidly making up his loss. At the village Dunkeld passed Vendetta and Victory, and joined issue with Maloja, just outside the distance. A capital race, which ended in a draw, was the result. The big dun took place in which Mr. Rugg used his whip on Mr. Gréaves, enabling Mr.

Ker on Victory to shoot past on the outside and score a clever victory from Dunkeld by a length, Vendetta gaining third place, several lengths away. Time 1 min. 55 sec. Mr. Rugg was formally reported to the Stewards for foul riding, and after apologising to Mr. Gréaves was cautioned as to his future behaviour.

The CHAMPION STAKES, a forced entry for all China Ponies winners at this meeting; optional to beaten Ponies; weight for inches; entrance \$20; winners of two Races, \$30; of three or more Races, \$50, with \$100 added. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. John Peel's ch. Orlando, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Hough 1  
Mr. Hough 1  
Mr. Buxey's g. Pao-shing, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 2  
Mr. Ten Broeck's g. Gridiron, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Maclean 3  
Mr. Buxey's br. Skipjack, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 4  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Vengeance, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 5  
Mr. Tell's g. Mont Brévent, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 6  
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' g. Vigour, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Sassoon 7  
Mr. John Peel's g. Leap Year, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Sampson 8  
Mr. John Peel's g. Bandsman, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Nicholl 9  
Mr. John Peel's b. Challenger, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 10  
Messrs. Morgan & White's d. Silken Mead, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Von Tanner 11  
Mr. Triad's ch. Forerunner, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Gréaves 12

Odds of 5 to 2 were laid on Pao-shing against the field, and the same odds against Mr. John Peel's stable faves. Of the outsiders Gridiron was the only one backed for money. At the third attempt the lot were despatched on equal terms, but the colours of Skipjack and Leap Year were at once prominent in the van, the mission of these "second strings" being to insure a pace for their respective stable companions. The pace was very fast, the first quarter occupying only 31 seconds, and it was materially increased on the fly, the two leaders being closely pressed by Gridiron, Mont Brévent and Orlando, the Derby winner heading the remainder. At the mile post—time for first half-mile 61 seconds—Gridiron had drawn within a length of Leap Year and Skipjack, the next pair being Orlando and Mont Brévent, who were in turn just in front of Challenger, Pao-shing and Vigour. Rounding the turn out of the straight Mr. Maclean drove Gridiron alongside the leaders and opposite the bridge—time for six furlongs, 1.35—the Amy pony, on the outside, led by half a length. Rising the hill the colours of Orlando were seen in the front rank, and half a mile from home—the mile having been covered in the remarkably fast time of 2 min. 21 seconds—Mr. John Peel's big chestnut just led Gridiron and Leap Year, the most prominent of the others at this point being Challenger, Vigour and Pao-shing, the last named having been closed in all the way up the incline. Racing along by the village Orlando drew clear and turned for home about a length in front of Leap Year, Gridiron having dropped away coming down the hill, whilst the favorite for the first time in the race commenced to look dangerous. Once in the straight Pao-shing rapidly made up his lost ground, but Orlando gamely responded to Mr. Hough's vigorous reminders and maintained the lead to the end, winning very cleverly by about two lengths, Mr. Pond ceasing to persevere a dozen strides from the winning post. Gridiron, who came through his ponies inside the distance as if they had been standing still, was an excellent third, a bare neck in front of Challenger. Times—a mile and a quarter 2.40, full distance 3 min. 12 seconds.

The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES, for all beaten Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1888-9; entrance \$5, with \$100 added for the first Pony, and \$50 for the second Pony; weight for inches. Half-a-mile.

Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's ch. Glencairn, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 1  
Mr. Twain's g. Réve d'Or, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Collingwood 2  
Mr. Buxey's g. Pathan, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Gréaves 3  
Mr. Slingsby Bethell's br. Frigate, 11st. 12lb. Capt. des Vaux 4  
Mr. Benedick's g. Post Boy, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Von Tanner 5  
Mr. Sid's cr. Starry Nights, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 6  
Mr. Maclean's g. Quadruped, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Ker 7  
Mr. H. H. Lightwood's d. Lord Chancellor, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Nicholl 8  
Mr. W. Cruickshank's g. McDuff, 10st. 6lb. Mr. Osborne 9  
Mr. Boning's g. Springfields, 10st. 12lb. Capt. Sankey 10  
Mr. Pogose's g. Sáy-a-nara, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Pond 11  
Mr. Tasman's g. Zara, 11st. 7lb. Mr. Gréaves 12  
Mr. Jay's cr. Soll, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Reynell 13  
Mr. Philip's ch. Talisman, 11st. 12lb. Mr. Rugg 14

Glencairn was backed at 2 to 1 against the field, Soll being also in great demand. After considerable delay the flag fell to a wretched start, several of the ponies being left hopelessly behind. Glencairn was quickest on his legs and at once led by three lengths, Pathan lying, second and Réve d'Or third, the main body of runners being undistinguishable in the twilight. Pathan drew clear up to the leader at the quarter mile post, but once in the straight Glencairn came right away and won easily from Réve d'Or by about four lengths, the latter depriving Pathan of second place inside the distance. Time 62 seconds.

OFF DAY, SAT



## THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the second annual report for presentation to the shareholders at the fourth ordinary general meeting, to be held in the Company's offices, Singapore, on Friday, the 1st March, 1889, at noon, precisely:—  
To the shareholders of The Straits Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,—Your Directors beg to place before you the annexed Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1888.  
The net premium earned, after deducting re-insurances and returns, amounts to \$31,863.59. The interest on investments to \$31,370.26. The final result of this year has not been so favourable as was hoped at the date of the last report: after providing for the second dividend of 5 per cent., as prescribed under Clause No. 125 of the Articles of Association, making 10 per cent. for the whole year, there remained a balance of \$13,000, which has been placed to Reserve Fund.  
1888. Considerable progress has been made in the extension of the Company's business during the year: the gross premium taken, amounts to \$148,666.48 (£22,764.11) as against \$91,585.42 (£14,039.67) in 1887, or an increase of 62 per cent. On the other hand some severe losses have been incurred, principally in China and Australia. Although the Company has now a small amount at Reserve, your Directors do not recommend a larger interim dividend on 1888 account, than 5 per cent. absorbing \$12,000 and carrying forward \$54,215.25 for liabilities on unexpired policies.

## DIRECTORS.

During the past year, Messrs. C. W. Conington and M. Behr retired from the Board, their places were filled by Messrs. Wm. McKerron and G. W. F. Playfair. Your Directors have also to regret the decease of Mr. Wee Boon Teck; this gentleman was succeeded by Mr. W. E. Hooper. Mr. Loh Lam, of Messrs. Loh Kee Seng & Co., has also accepted a seat at the Board. In accordance with the provisions of Clause 103, of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. McKerron and Mr. Playfair retire from the Board, but offer themselves for re-election.

## AUDITORS.

In accordance with Article 141, Messrs. James Lyall and Alex. Gentle retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

TH. SMITH (Chairman)  
T. S. THOMSON, } Directors.

Singapore, 14th February, 1889.

## BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1888.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	\$
To Paid up Capital on 20,000 shares @ £20 per share.....	400,000.00			
To Reserve Fund.....	13,000.00			
To Unclaimed Dividends .....	31.11		212.59	
To Sundry Creditors .....	913	1	5	9,953.04
To Second Dividend of 5 per cent. for 1887 .....	1,062.10	0		20,000.00
To Balance of Working Account 1888.....	10,139	4	2	66,215.25
	77,387	19	6	505,390.88

## Assets.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	\$
By Cash on Current Account, Singapore .....	1,752	19	2	11,447.90
By Fixed Deposits in Banks, Singapore.....	26,031	5	0	170,000.00
By Fixed Deposits in Banks, Melbourne.....	3,000	0	0	19,591.84
By Investments on Mortgage, Singapore .....	42,707	10	1	278,906.14
By Shares in China Insurance Co's .....	113	6	3	740.00
By Branch and Agency Balances.....	2,087	9	10	13,631.61
By Sundry Debtors for Interest &c., to 31st December, 1888.....	1,479	7	5	9,661.20
By Furniture at Head Office and Branches.....	216	1	9	1,411.19
	77,387	19	6	505,390.88

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, 1888.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	\$
To Balance from Working a/c 1887.....	12,163	2	1	79,432.52
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Cr.	£	s.	d.	\$
By Losses and Claims.....	4,051	6	3	26,457.56
By 1st Dividend 5 per cent. paid 1st Feb, 1888.....	3,043	7	8	19,875.15
By 2nd Dividend 5 per cent. payable 1st Mar., 1889.....	3,062	10	0	20,000.00
By Written off Furniture account for Depreciation.....	15	5	8	99.81
By Balance transferred to Reserve Fund.....	1,990	12	6	13,000.00
	12,163	2	1	79,432.52

## WORKING ACCOUNT, 1888.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	\$
To Premia from 1st January to 31st Dec., 1888.....	148,666	48		
Less Re-insurances and Returns.....	16,802	89		
	20,191	12	3	131,863.59
Interest on Investments 4,803.11			31,370.26	
Transfer fees.....	19	8	11	127.00
	25,014	12	5	163,350.79
Cr.	£	s.	d.	\$
By Head Office Charges .....	1,055	12	6	10,812.25
Branch and Agency Charges .....	1,948	1	7	12,722.16
Agency Commissions .....	2,401	1	9	15,686.67
Directors and Committees' Fees.....	371	6	7	2,425.00
Auditors' Fees.....	73	10	0	480.00
Exchange Account .....	64	2	11	418.90
Losses and Claims .....	8,361	12	11	54,566.66
Balance .....	10,139	4	2	66,215.25
	25,014	12	5	163,350.79

\* For the convenience of the Company's shareholders and supporters, many of whom are in Europe and in the Colonies the equivalent of the Dollar Currency has been stated in sterling at 3/6 Exchange.

CRAWFORD D. KERR,  
Secretary.

Having compared the above Statements with the Books, Vouchers, and Securities of the Company, we hereby certify them to be correct.

ALEX. GENTLE, } Auditors.  
JAS. LYALL, }

Singapore, 14th February, 1889.

## CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS.

## CONSERVATISM.

It is true of the Chinese, to a greater degree than of any other nation in history, that their Golden Age is in the past. The sages of antiquity themselves spoke with the deepest reverence for more ancient 'sages.' Confucius declared that he was not an originator, but a transmitter. It was his mission to gather up what had once been known, but long neglected, or 'misunderstood.' It was his painstaking fidelity in accomplishing this task, as well as the high ability which he brought to it, that gave the Master his extraordinary hold upon the people of his race. It is his relation to the past, as much as the quality of what he taught, that constitutes the claim of Confucius to the front rank of the sages of the world. It is the Confucian theory of morals, that a good ruler will make a good people. The ideal is the dish, the people are the water; if the dish is round, the water is round, if the dish is square, the water will be square also. Upon this theory, it is not strange that all the virtues are believed to have flourished in the days when model rulers existed. The most ignorant coolie will upon occasion remind us that in the days of 'Yao and Shun,' there was no necessity for closing the doors at night, for there were no thieves, and that if an article was lost on the highway, it was the duty of the first comer to stand guard over it, until the owner happened along, who took his turn, until the owner arrived. It is a common saying, that the present is inferior to the past in the items of benevolence and justice; but that in violation of conscience, the past can not compete with the present. This tendency to depreciate the present time is by no means confined to China, or to the Chinese, but is found with impartiality all over the earth, yet in the Celestial Empire it seems to have attained a sincerity of conviction not elsewhere equalled. All that is best in the ancient days, is believed to have survived in the *literature* to which the present day is the heir, and it is for this reason that this literature is regarded with such unqualified veneration. The orthodox Chinese view of the Chinese classics appears to be much the same as the orthodox Christian view in regard to the Hebrew Scriptures; they are supposed to contain all that is highest and best of the wisdom of the past, and to contain all that is equally adapted to the present time, and to the days of old. That anything is needed to supplement the Chinese classics is no more believed by a good Confucianist, than it is by a good Christian that supplementary additions to the Bible are desirable or are to be expected. Both Christians and Confucianists agree in the general proposition, that when a thing is as good as it can be, it is idle to try to make it any better.

The literature of antiquity is that which has moulded the Chinese nation, and has brought about a system of government, which, whatever its other qualities, has been proved to possess that of persistence. Since self preservation is the first law of nations as of individuals, it is not singular that a form of rule which an experience of unmatchable duration has shown to be so well adapted to its end, should have come to be regarded with a reverence akin to that felt for the classics. It would be a curious discovery if some learned student of Chinese history should succeed in ascertaining and explaining the processes by which the Chinese government came to be what it is. If ever those processes should be discovered, we think it certain that it will then be clearly seen why there have been in China so few of those interior revolutions to which a story of a man who built a stone wall six feet wide and only four feet high, and on being asked his reasons for so singular a proceeding, he replied that it was his purpose that when the wall blew over, it should be higher than it was before! The Chinese government is by no means incapable of being blown over, but it is a cube, and when it capsizes, it simply falls upon some other face, and to external appearance, as well as to interior substance, is the same that it has always been. Repeated experience of this process has taught the Chinese that this result is as certain, as that a cat will stand upon its feet, and the conviction is accompanied by a most implicit faith in the wisdom of those who planned and built so wisely and so well. To suggest improvements would be the rankest heresy. Hence it has come about, that the unquestioned superiority of the ancients rests upon the firm basis of the inferiority of those who come after them.

With these considerations clearly in mind, it is not difficult to perceive the rationale of what seems at first the blind and obstinate adherence of the Chinese to the ways of the past. To the Chinese, as to the ancient Romans, the ideas of manners and of morals are interchangeable, for they have the same root and are in their essence identical. To them an invasion of their customs is an invasion of the regions which are most sacred. It is not necessary for this effect that the customs should be apprehended in their divine relations, or indeed, strictly speaking, apprehended at all. They are resolutely defended by an instinct similar to that which leads a shebear to defend her cubs. This instinct is not a Chinese instinct merely but it belongs to human nature. It has been profoundly remarked that millions of men are ready to die for a faith which they do not comprehend, and by the tenets of which they do not regulate their lives.

Chinese customs, like the Chinese language, have become established in some way to use known. Customs, like human speech, once established, resist change. But the conditions under which Chinese customs and language crystallized into shape are in no two places exactly the same. Hence we have those perplexing variations of usage indicated in the common proverb already quoted in another connection, that customs differ every ten miles. Hence, too, we have the bewildering dialects. When once the custom or the dialect has become fixed, it resembles plaster-of-Paris which, has set, and while it may be broken, it can not be changed. This, at least, is the theory, but like other theories it must be made sufficiently elastic to suit the facts, which are that no mere custom is necessarily immortal, and given certain conditions, a change can be effected. No better illustration of this truth could be given than one drawn from the experience of the present dynasty in introducing an entirely new style of tonsure among their Chinese subjects. It was inevitable that such a conspicuous and tangible mark of subjection should have been bitterly resisted, even to the death, by great numbers of the Chinese. But the Manchus showed how well they were fitted for the high task which they had undertaken, by their persistent adherence to the requirement, compliance with which was made at once a mark and a test of loyalty. The result is that we see. The Chinese people are now more proud of their queues than of any other characteristic of their dress, and the rancorous hostility to the edict of the Manchus survives only in the turbans of the natives of the provinces of Canton and Fukien, covering once adopted to hide the national disgrace.

The introduction of the Buddhist religion into China, was accomplished only at the expense of a warfare of the most determined character, but once thoroughly rooted, it appears as much like a native as Taoism, and not less difficult to supplant.

The genesis of Chinese customs being what it is, it is easy to perceive that it is the underlying assumption that whatever is, is right. Thus a

long established usage is a tyranny. Of the countless individuals who conform to the custom, not one is at all concerned with the origin or the reason of the acts. His business is to conform, and he conforms. The degree of religious faith in different parts of the empire doubtless differs widely, but nothing can be more certain than that all the rites of the 'three religions' are performed by millions, who are as destitute of anything which ought to be called faith, as they are of an acquaintance with Egyptian hieroglyphics. To any inquiry as to the reason for any particular act of religious routine, nothing is more common than to receive two answers: the first that the whole business of communication with the gods has been handed down from the ancients, and must therefore be on the firmest possible basis; the second, that 'everybody' does so, and therefore the person in question must conform. As already pointed out, when the subject of Solidarity fell under consideration, in China the machinery moves the cog, and not the cog the machinery. While this continues to be always and everywhere true, it is also true that the most shell of conformity is all that is demanded. It is a custom in Mongolia, according to Mr. Gilmour, for every one who can afford it, to use snuff, and to offer it to his friends. Everyone is provided with a little snuff-box, which he produces whenever he encounters a friend. If the person with the snuff-box happens to be out of snuff, that does not prevent the passing of the snuff-box, of which each guest takes a deliberate, though imaginary pinch, and returns it to its owner. To seem to notice that the box is empty, would not be 'good form,' but by common consent the proper usage, the 'face' of the host is saved, and all is according to well settled precedent. In many important particulars it is not otherwise with the Chinese. The life may have long departed, but there remains the coral reef, the avenues to which in order to avoid shipwreck must be diligently respected.

When the subject of Politeness was under consideration, attention was called to the determination of a Chinese to do what he considers to be the 'proper' thing, at the 'proper' time, and in the 'proper' way, regardless of other circumstances, and with a sole view to making it clear beyond question that he knows what that thing is. It is this trait which results in cheating the empty bottles of form, as if they were filled with all the odours of Araby the blest. Thus a man who had been for many weeks a patient in a foreign hospital, came forward at a time when all the foreigners were assembled, and began to make an elaborate salutation before one of them. His salutation was returned, with the inquiry, 'Are you going, then?' To this question the patient paid no attention whatever, but merely turned and performed his obeisance to another foreigner, and then a third. When the inquiry had been twice repeated, he at last threw in what the dramatist calls an 'aside,' to the effect that after he had completed his bow to all the hospitable attendants, he should be able to speak, but not before. Hearing this, the foreigners left him, and went about their business, but they had not gone twenty steps, before the patient was heard shouting after them, in an imploring tone, 'Don't go, don't go, I want to speak to you!' This was a typical example of ceremonial conservatism.—N. C. Daily News.

(To be continued.)

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE Steamship

"KASHGAR,"

Captain Gadd, will be despatched for the

above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 1st March, at

4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1889. [255]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

RACE PONIES, HACKS, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

will hold their

ANNUAL AUCTION,

ON

THURSDAY NEXT,

the 28th instant, at 4 O'CLOCK,

at the Fountain, opposite the CITY HALL.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1889. [257]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND OF 2% or \$2.50 per

Share for the six months ended 31st

December, 1888, declared at yesterday's Ordinary

Yearly Meeting, will be payable at the HONGKONG

AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

from this date, the 26th instant, and Shareholders

are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at

the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1889. [258]

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st proximo Mr. H. U.

JEFFRIES will assume charge of this

Agency.

H. H. TRIPP,

Hongkong, 26th February, 1889. [259]

CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY'S DEBENTURE

LOAN OF 1886.

INTEREST DUE AND DRAWN BONDS OF

this LOAN will be Payable at the Offices of

the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION on and after the 1st day of March,

1889. Lists of DRAWN BONDS can be obtained

on application to the Undersigned.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION,

Agents Issuing the Loan,

G. E. NOBLE,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1889. [260]

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Onwards, Mess H.M.S. "Hermione" for the

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1889. [262]

## Amusements.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

A CONCERT

will be given in the above Hall,

TO-MORROW EVENING,

February 27th, In Aid of

THE HONGKONG BRANCH OF THE

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES

AID ASSOCIATION.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of

Mrs. GORDON CAMERON,

Mrs. MAXWELL,

Mrs. BELL-IRVING,

&c., &c., &c.

Doors open at.....8.30 P.M.

To commence at.....9.00 P.M.

Tickets—2s each, can be obtained at Messrs.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1889. [199]

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ROYAL MARIONETTES

AND

GAIETY COMPANY

Will have the pleasure of appearing on

THURSDAY,

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IN THE

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

In their mirth provoking entertainment;

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THE CHRISTY MINSTRELS,

and the beautiful Pantomime of

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Changing into the

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after which

Mrs. AUSTIN POWERS,

will appear in her

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"I CAN'T GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST."

The whole concluding with a grand

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Entitled

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Reserved Seats may be secured and booked

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PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

Dress Circle and Stalls.....£2.00

Pit.....1.00

Children half price. Soldiers in Uniform will

be admitted to the Pit at half price.

C. DEMER,

Manager.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1889. [250]

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